

# LEARNING CONNECTION

November/December 2010

## New—Publish Yourself! Writers' Club

Why is there a blank space here on the first page of this Learning Connection? It is a graphic illustration to show that in the future we will be providing space in each issue to publish articles written by learners. The new program is called "Publish Yourself!"

Learners will have the opportunity to write articles about their learning experiences and accomplishments. There is no minimum or maximum number of words for an article. Writers can choose to have a byline of —Firstname L. or —Anonymous.

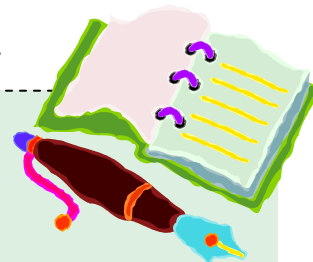
The Learning Connection newsletter is published bi-monthly. Every participant in the Literacy Services program receives a copy of the newsletter, and it is distributed to others in the Carlsbad Library system. In addition, it is available

online through the Carlsbad City Library website.

Because the Learning Connection is so widely available, learners will be able to show their published articles in print or online to family and friends.

Publish Yourself! will start in 2011. If you would like to help your learner write articles for publication, we ask that you attend a one-hour workshop. You will learn what topics are appropriate, how to teach writing and editing techniques, and how to be a tutor without becoming a ghost writer.

By attending the workshop you will receive a Writer's Toolkit (available only in the workshop) for your learner, which contains re-usable tools for any kind of writing.



*Yes! I want to help my learner participate in Publish Yourself!*

I would prefer to attend the one-hour workshop (mark all that apply):

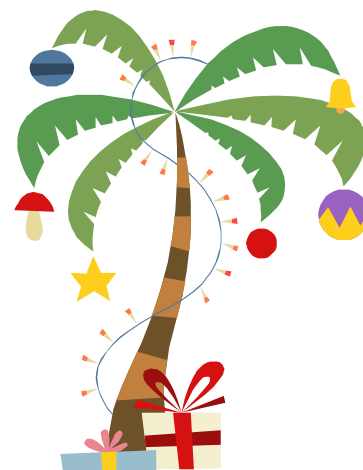
- ☐ Tuesday, January 11, 2011 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- ☐ Wednesday, January 12, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- ☐ Thursday, January 13, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Return this form or let a staff member know your preferences. You will receive a confirmation of enrollment.

Tutor Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (last initial)      Learner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ (first name) \_\_\_\_\_ (last initial)

## *Important end-of-the-year Dates*

- **November 24, Wednesday**—all Carlsbad Library locations close at 5:00 p.m.
- **November 25, Thursday & November 26, Friday**—City Holidays; Learning Center and all Carlsbad Libraries closed
- **December 24, Friday**—City Holiday, Learning Center & all Carlsbad Libraries closed
- **December 31, Friday**—City Holiday, Learning Center & all Carlsbad Libraries closed



### *Open House*

Literacy Services' first "Each One Reach One" open house in celebration of National Literacy Month was a big success in spite of the unpredictable weather.

Throughout the month of September, literacy program participants were invited to give an Open House invitation to a friend, neighbor, or family member who would be interested in learning more about the program.

On September 30, 60 people braved the bad weather and enjoyed snacks, Scrabble games, computer demos, and tours to learn about the program.

As a result, over 100 reference questions were answered, 4 learners signed up for orientations, and 8 potential tutors were introduced to the program.

### *New Employee*

We are pleased to welcome Tiera David, who will join the Literacy Services staff on Monday, November 22, 2010.

Tiera will have the responsibility for driving the CHS van to and from the Learning Center. She will also be at the front desk to help with circulation issues and questions.

Tiera graduated from Crescenta Valley High School in La Crescenta, CA, and attended Cal State University, Channel Islands, for three years. She moved to Carlsbad in order to attend Cal State University, San Marcos, and graduated in December 2009.

"I enjoy spending time at the beach, riding dirt bikes, and reading. My favorite books include *The Great Gatsby* and *The Notebook*," said Tiera. "I am looking

forward to working at the Library Learning Center because I enjoy helping others achieve their goals!"

Stop by the front desk and greet Tiera.

### *Good Luck Teresa!*

Many of you have asked about Teresa, who drove the CHS van and worked at the front desk for Literacy Services.

Teresa was promoted and is now working in Community Relations at the Dove Library location.

We will miss her on a daily basis, but Teresa will be here from time to time working on displays and special events.

We wish her the best in her new job and we're glad she is still part of the Carlsbad City Library.

## Thank You!

**Betty G.** – inspirational banner

**Rita A.** – magazines and National Geographic

**Miguel P.** – nectarines

**Cecilia R.** – lavender and pansy cookies, chocolate chip cookies, sugar cookies, Halloween treats

**Bev L.** – strawberry preserves and magazines

**Shirley B.** – United States puzzle

**Sandy Z.** – calendars, tea

**Fernanda J.** – speaking to Citizen's Academy

**Mary Lou S.** – speaking to Kiwanis Club, tea

**Nancy F.** – calendar

**Carlos M.** – chocolates

**Beth M.** – candy

**Lee R. & Elmer R.** – magazines

**Fred K.** – creamer

**Nancy F.** – Harry and David pretzels, candy and moose mix

**Sandy C.** – rice crispy treats

**Beth M.** – flowers

**Harriet N.** – snack bars

**Nyla H.** – photo print paper

**Kim G.** – candy

**Anna M.** – Povitica bread

Congratulations to the following pairs who are celebrating a year or more of learning together in the months of November and December:

Joanne H. & Kevin B. = 12 years

Louise D. & Nyla H. = 2 years

Nancy F. &  
Rosa P. = 1 year

Betty G. &  
Anna M. = 1 year

Marie T. &  
Lilia Z. = 1 year

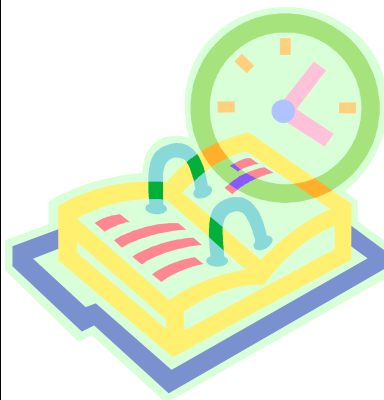
Leigh W. & Kim A. = 1 year

Anne Marie B. & Angelica L. = 1 year

We also had 11 new pairs get off to a great start in September and October.



## Writer to Writer Deadline



Remember to submit your Writer to Writer letter and entry form to a staff member by Thursday, December 30, 2010.

If you are interested in this annual writing challenge, you still have time to pick up a packet of information from a staff member. This is an opportunity to write a letter to the author of a book that inspires you.

## *Great Resources—Hiding in Plain Sight*

At the far end of the hall, past the tutoring rooms is a humble grey file cabinet. You may have walked by many times without even noticing it. But it contains a wealth of practical information for everyday living that you may find helpful in your tutoring sessions. Open a drawer, take a look, and help yourself to any of the materials. If you notice the supply of copies is running low, please let a staff member know so we can replenish the supply. The subjects covered include:

DMV Driver Handbook 2010  
Money drawer for practice in counting change  
Banking and Checking skills  
Bus and Sprinter Schedules  
Personal Letter Writing  
Resume Writing  
Reading Medicine Labels  
Health Education Information  
Selecting a Book You Will Love from our Collection  
Home Safety:  
    Family Emergency and General Home Safety  
    Earthquake Safety  
    Home Fire Drill  
    Smoke Alarm and Fire Extinguisher Safety  
    Disaster Preparation  
    Preventing Poisonings at Home  
Literacy Board Games  
Citizenship Test Question Flash Cards



## *Online Learning*

Project Money is a free service designed with input from adult learners to help other learners. Clear and simple language helps reduce the intimidation that keeps many people from achieving their financial goals. This site does not provide specific financial advice; instead, the goal is to give you and your learner access to information so that they can make their *own* decisions.

Try it out at [www.projectmoney.org](http://www.projectmoney.org)